

COMPLAINT BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

January 14, 2014

Gregory D. Smith

North Las Vegas, NV 89084

v.

Niger Innis

Niger Innis Action Fund

Niger Innis for Congress Exploratory Committee

Niger Innis for Congress

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COMPLAINT

Complainant files this complaint, under penalty of perjury, with the Federal Election Commission against Mr. Niger Innis, the Niger Innis Action Fund, the Niger Innis for Congress Exploratory Committee, and Niger Innis for Congress campaign, for violation of federal laws and regulations pertaining to exploratory committees or "testing the waters" for federal candidates. I am a registered voter in Nevada Congressional District 4.

Since the summer of 2013, Mr. Innis has been touting and planning a run for Congress in Nevada's District 4. See Exhibit 1, "NRCC Proposal." Apart from appearing to plan a fully-coordinated campaign with local and state candidates, which is against laws and regulation in and of itself (see page 2, "Innis will boldly lead a candidacy..." and page 7, laying out coordination plans with other candidates and officials), the Proposal shows that Mr. Innis had done much of the analysis necessary to determine whether to run in NV4 as early as July 2013.

Instead of announcing a candidacy and filing appropriate paperwork with your Commission, or even putting together a brief "testing the waters" program as outlined and recommended in the guides and information available through your printed and web-based materials, Mr. Innis appears to have formed one, and perhaps two, "exploratory committees," or funds, to begin raising monies, and he began to appear regularly on Nevada media and at party or activist functions discussing his intent to run for Congress. This lasted throughout the summer, fall, and now winter, 2013-2014.

During the fall, Mr. Innis set up a website for his "Action Fund," that included a portal for accepting contributions. See Exhibit 2. These are not, as described in the FEC's guide materials, raising enough money from a few trusted persons to do preliminary testing of the waters; it is solicitation of contributions from unknown persons in support of a run for Congress already planned and in motion. The website is titled "Draft Niger Innis," but of course is "Paid for by the Niger Innis Action Fund."

In November 2013, the "Niger Innis Congressional Exploratory Committee" planned, advertised, and encouraged attendance and contributions at a high-level fundraising event. See Exhibit 3. The fundraiser was held at the home of Republican backer Victor Chaltiel, and was hosted, among others, by Sheldon Adelson. It featured special guest and former Presidential candidate Herman Cain, and suggested contributions to Mr. Innis in the full amount of federal limits. Mr. Innis informed the local newspaper that he expected to raise at least \$50,000 at this event. See Exhibit 4. Mr. Innis later posted video of Mr. Cain's speech to contributors at the event on his own website. See Exhibit 5.

Nevada's Fourth District has a few hundred thousand registered voters, from my review of public records. Given the work apparently put into thinking about a run for office shown by the July 2013 Proposal, there do not seem to be legitimate, ongoing "testing the waters" activities—even including polling of travelling, that would require big-dollar fundraisers, \$50,000 in seed money, or a website soliciting contributions from persons over the internet—and especially not over a six or seven month period.

According to your publicly-available materials on "testing the waters," it is clear to me that Mr. Innis has made or authorized statements regarding his intention to run, long before filing for office; used general public political advertising to publicize his intention to campaign; raised far more money than necessary to test the waters, and conducted his campaign activities over a protracted period of time—from last summer through the present.

I am aware that candidates have faced discipline from the FEC previously for abusing your "testing the waters" rules. I believe in this instance, discipline is warranted, as my neighbors and friends in Nevada District 4 deserve better transparency from our potential leaders.

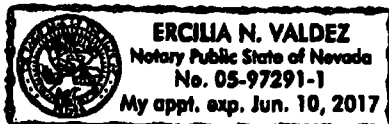
Please investigate this matter at your convenience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Gregory D. Smith

State of Nevada

County of Clark



Signed and sworn to before me on

By

Gregory D. Smith January 16, 2014

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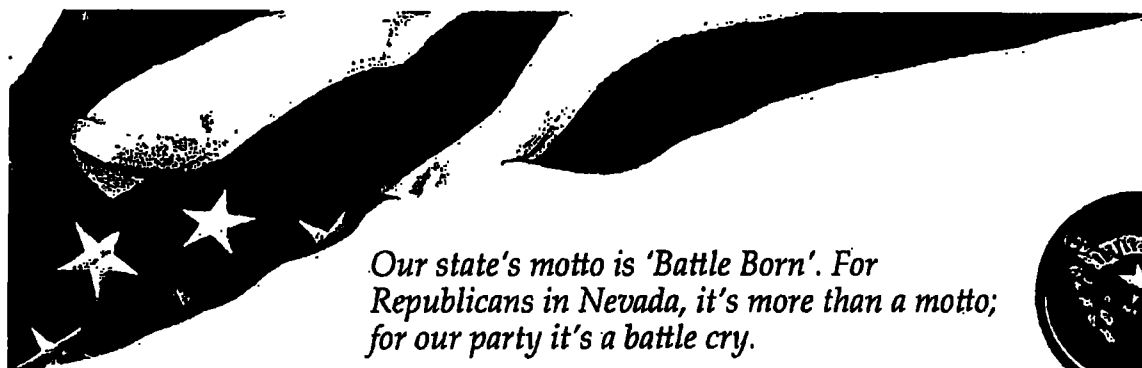
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NRCC PROPOSAL
July 19, 2013

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Our state's motto is 'Battle Born'. For Republicans in Nevada, it's more than a motto; for our party it's a battle cry.



OVERVIEW

If 2012 was the year of awakening for the Republican Party, then 2014 is the year of opportunity and transition. Nowhere will this be more evident than in the great battleground state of Nevada.

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Without a U.S. Senate race, the focus will fall upon the congressional races. And no race holds greater promise, a larger upside, for the Republican Party than CD04. There are so many factors that make this a winnable race.

That leads to the most important factor of all: the candidate in CD04. Niger Innis is not only the candidate but the right candidate, at the right time, to bring together a blended coalition of registered voters who run the gamut of ethnic diversity.

In a congressional district whose population is comprised of roughly 40 per cent minorities (2010 census), the opportunity to extend the Republican Party's reach into this critical demographic in terms of registering new voters, converting existing voters, identifying and re-engaging inactive voters, and garnering a substantial crossover vote is genuine and attainable.

The groundwork for this effort in Nevada was laid in 2012. Both Hispanic and Black voters showed small increases in the percentage that voted for the Republican presidential candidate. In CD04, a significant, targeted minority voter registration effort will seek to improve upon that trend.

Race & Ethnicity change since 2008

The white vote went to Mr. Romney, mostly by wide margins. But Hispanics and Asians moved toward Mr. Obama, continuing their consolidation as Democrats.

	All states	N.Y.	Mass.	Calif.	N.J.	Conn.	N.H.	Wis.	Iowa	Nev.	Pa.	Va.	Ohio	Fla.	Colo.	N.C.	Ariz.	Mo.	Ind.
White	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney
Black	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney	Romney
Hispanic	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama
Asian	Obama: +11%	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama

Innis will boldly lead a candidacy that will immediately set the Democrats on the defensive with early strategic planning that will include minority voter ID and registration, development of a strong down-the-ballot slate, engagement of key minority community supporters and a fundraising strategy that will focus on CD04 as not just a single race, but as ground zero for a Republican resurgence in Southern Nevada.

The campaign will combine this aggressive minority outreach with a targeted message and GOTV effort to hold and possibly increase the solid 2012 performance in the rural precincts. More importantly, Innis will drive turnout in the primarily Caucasian precincts which are spread throughout the urban area of CD04.

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If a candidate is going to have any chance of winning a race, he has to be able to talk to the people he will represent. But not 'political-speak'. Plain talk. Show he understands their challenges, their goals, their needs and wants; and shares their concern for the well being of them, their family and neighbors.

No candidate is better prepared to talk to the people of CD04 than Niger Innis.

Since the early 90's, Innis has dedicated his efforts to fighting for the rights and interests of minorities and the impoverished as the National Spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), one of America's original 'Big Four' civil rights groups.

Innis has served to help those who have fallen into a life of welfare, joblessness and dependency. Unfortunately, more often than not, those struggling against a life of depression and helplessness are minorities. He has taken this message of hope and optimism across the country, around the world and, most importantly, in Southern Nevada.

Innis is also the Co-Chairman of the Affordable Power Alliance (APA), a coalition of Latino and African American ministerial organizations, Senior Citizen Advocates and various Chambers of Commerce. The principal mission of APA is to fight against public policies that raise energy (and associated) costs. In addition to his role with CORE and APA, Innis is on the Advisory Committee of the National Center for Public Policy Research's Project 21.

Through Join America, Innis has had a significant impact on the lives of minority families in Southern Nevada, reaching out and helping those seeking a better life by attaining citizenship. From young families to working men and women, it is estimated that Innis and Join America have touched the lives of almost 20,000 minorities in the valley.

It is this personal, hands-on, caring approach that will lead Innis into the communities and neighborhoods of CD04 to earn the vote and support of the people.

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Building a "New" Republican Voter Base to Win CD04.

The numbers are pretty clear and facts are facts.

On election day last November, the registration numbers in CD04 heavily favored the Democrat candidate.

■ In the entire district, not including non-partisan/other voters, the Democrats held a 17 per cent registration advantage, with over 41,000 more voters.

■ In Clark County, which encompassed over 86 per cent of the registered voters in the district, the Democrats held a 22.5 per cent registration advantage, a gap of almost 48,000 voters.

CD04 VOTER REGISTRATION

District	County	Democrat	Green	Libertarian	Other	Republican	Total		
04	Clark	128,022	0	11,302	1,491	44,902	1,247	80,870	267,834
04	Esmeralda	131	1	48	8	67	3	328	386
04	Lincoln	821	6	124	11	310	5	1,526	2,803
04	Lyon	1,373	4	303	34	718	20	3,154	5,606
04	Mineral	1,134	2	141	16	316	8	1,033	2,650
04	Nye	8,255	27	1,679	174	4,089	80	11,251	25,555
04	White Pine	1,557	7	236	28	722	9	2,037	4,596
Balance of State		141,000	42	12,000	1,500	45,000	1,500	80,000	267,000

But after election day, despite the Republican loss, there were bright spots.

■ The final margin of victory, district-wide, was only eight per cent, far below the 17 point gap between Democrat and Republican registration.



Fitzgibbons, Floyd



Horsford, Steven



Silvestri Joseph



Tarkenton, Danny

CD04 OVERALL ELECTION RESULTS

U.S. Representative in Congress, District 4

	Percent	Total Votes	Conson City	Churchill	Clark	Douglas	Elko	Esmeralda	Eureka	Humboldt	Lander	Lincoln	Lyon	Mineral	Nye	Perkins	Storey	Washoe	White Pine
FITZGIBBONS, FLOYD	3.90%	9,389	N/A	N/A	7,162	N/A	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	141	230	130	1,516	N/A	N/A	N/A	195
HORSFORD, STEVEN A.	50.11%	120,501	N/A	N/A	112,361	N/A	N/A	67	N/A	N/A	N/A	351	1,000	637	5,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	881
SILVESTRI, JOSEPH P.	3.89%	9,341	N/A	N/A	8,370	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	77	31	717	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
TARKENTON, DANNY	42.11%	101,261	N/A	N/A	83,270	N/A	N/A	298	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,562	3,012	1,137	9,567	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,465

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■ In Clark County, the margin of victory was only 12.5 per cent, meaning Danny Tarkanian cut the gap by almost half.

CD04 CLARK COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

U.S. Representative in Congress, District 4 (356 out of 358 Precincts Reporting) (2 Year Term) (Vote For 1)

CANDIDATE		% OF VOTE	TOTAL VOTES
HORSFORD, STEVEN A.	DEM	33.23%	112,361
TARKANIAN, DANNY	REP	39.43%	127,210
SILVETRE, JOSEPH R.	LIB	3.99%	12,936
FITZGERALDS, FLOYD	IAP	3.39%	11,063

Through solid Republican turnout in the rurals, most likely a decent crossover vote and support among 'Other' voters, Tarkanian was able to overcome the D vs. R gap and cut Horsford's margin of victory to single digits. Unfortunately, just not enough to win.

Now, Imagine a Republican candidate that can not only hold the vote in the rurals, but also make significant progress in closing the registered voter gap and take a significant chunk of voters away from the Democrats in the urban precincts.

All while increasing the minority registered voter base within the Republican Party.

Niger Innis is the candidate with the potential to do that. His strategic campaign plan is designed to do just that.

It will start with an aggressive voter registration strategy based on engaging the minority communities. It will unfold in three stages, all separate of any organized voter registration effort by the state or county Republican parties, all spearheaded by experienced minority voter ID strategists.

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STAGE **ONE**

NEW AMERICA

Kickoff Date: September 1, 2013

New America will close the voter registration gap in two ways:

1

A grassroots strategy identifying and contacting non-registered voters in CD04 via phone, mail and at the door. Personal contact to ID potential Republican voters and then following up to get them registered.

2

Specifically directed to minorities, engage them in the community through events, churches, schools and more. Also, the Hispanic community will be addressed via a conservative radio talk show in Spanish. The goal will be to expose the minority communities to our conservative view, familiarize them with our philosophy, make the connection that our values and goals match theirs and then register them to vote.

STAGE **TWO**

NEW AMERICA & JOIN AMERICA

This dual effort will essentially continue the voter ID and registration program initiated in CD04 by New America, just with the added assets of Join America. It will particularly strengthen the minority outreach efforts for voter registration.

The additional contacts and resources of Join America, when combined with New America, will greatly enhance the opportunity to close the D vs. R registration gap in CD04, driven by new Republican minority voters.

STAGE **THREE**

INNIS FOR CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

Under the direction of campaign consulting firm First Tuesday and voter outreach specialists Grassroots Strategists, the voter registration will continue as part of the campaign's voter ID and grassroots effort.

The ground game will be an integral part of the Innis for Congress campaign and will begin immediately.

With a current (June 2013) voter registration gap of 43,000 district-wide and almost 50,000 in Clark County, the goal will be to significantly reduce it by the end of the year. The vast majority of those will be new registers that are minorities.

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Up and down The Ballot Support

Campaign integration in this race will begin with CD04 not at the top, but in the middle, as a hub, serving as a central source of strategy and activity, feeding and sharing with any race that has an impact

Many campaigns at the top of the ballot treat their brethren down the ballot as 'lesser' races that they believe should be there primarily to support their candidacy.

Many times these state and local candidates are used for their resources, especially volunteers, to prop up their efforts, sometimes to the point of coercion.

It's this 'top of the ballot rules' mentality that has derailed many candidates and races.

Innis for Congress has the exact opposite philosophy. Building a foundation of strength actually begins at the bottom, with emphasis on all state and local races, that feed into the national campaigns.

Campaign integration in this race will begin with CD04 not at the top, but in the middle, as a hub, serving as a central source of strategy and activity, feeding and sharing with any race that has an impact. This mutually beneficial approach to campaign cooperation will strengthen all races in the circle, which will naturally then extend to the national race they are connected to.

The second part of the Up and Down the Ballot

strategy will involve our recruitment of minority candidates to fill as many of the Republican slots as possible. These won't just be placeholders or sacrificial

lambs. These will be carefully considered candidates who will fit the voter profile of the district they are running in. Good, strong minority candidates who are

appropriate for their constituency and will bring a solid Republican message in an effort to bring these voters to the party.

Most importantly, they will campaign hard and present a challenge to their Democrat counterparts, incumbent or not. Every contested race we can run at the state

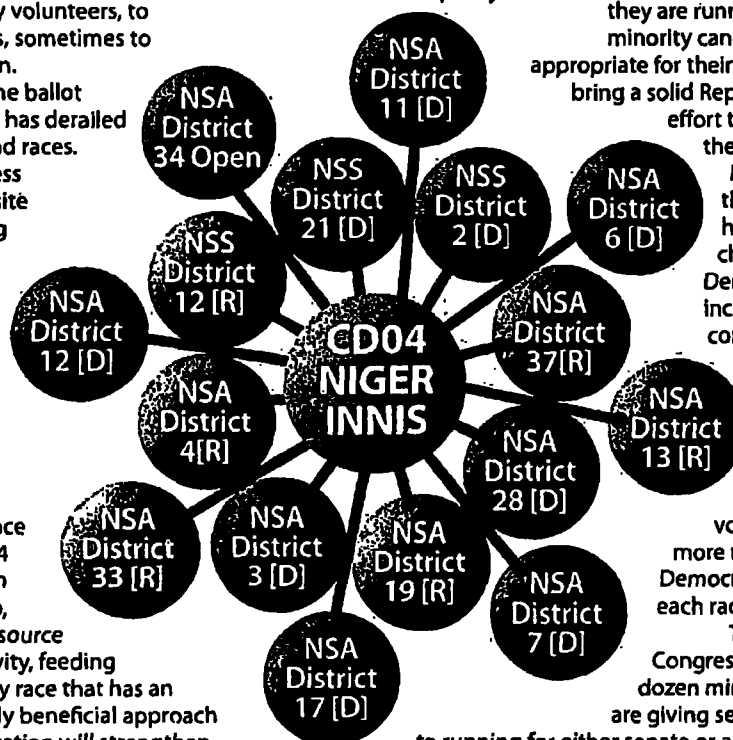
assembly and senate level will mean more registered Republicans, more voters considering voting Republican and more resources that the Democrats have to dedicate to each race.

To date, Innis for Congress has identified a dozen minority candidates who are giving serious consideration

to running for either senate or assembly seats within CD04.

Build from the ground up. A solid base is the foundation for strength all the way to the top.

2014 ELECTION OUTLOOK (w/incumbant party)



NSS = NEVADA STATE SENATE • NSA = NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY

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Building a Coalition

Imagine a stage and a podium. On that platform is the candidate for the 4th Congressional District of Nevada.

He is surrounded by his supporters, a cross section of key individuals and organizations in Southern Nevada, Clark County, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas.

The faces are brown and black, white and yellow, and they speak with many voices. They talk about a new day and a new beginning, not just for the state, but for the people, these newly empowered people, many of them new citizens.

The candidate smiles and waves and the crowd claps and chants his name as one voice.

Now imagine that candidate is Niger Innis, Republican.

The people with him are diverse and come from Latino-led Immigration Rights groups, the NAACP, Asian American Republicans, the Latin Chamber of Commerce, the Black-led Conservative Alliance for Community Growth (which includes three NAACP board members), New America, Nevada Hispanics and more. They're from churches and community organizations; business, senior and education groups; the state's largest city to the small communities that are the backbone of rural Nevada.

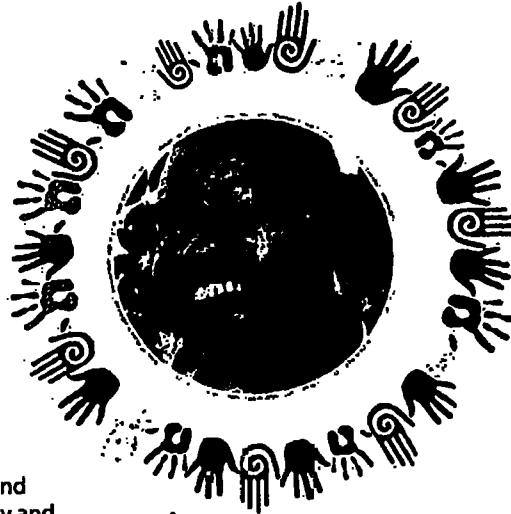
These are the people of congressional district four. These are the new Republicans, some in registration, some in spirit. Revitalized with a realization that they have found the party that accepts them for what and who they are, and for what they can contribute to our society.

The groundwork for building this coalition has already begun. Innis for Congress is far down the road to picking up the building blocks and seeing if they will fit into the whole.

To successfully engage the minority community in an effective voter registration drive, and ultimately to convince them to elect Niger Innis to Congress, will take a multi-tiered effort which will expose them to our message in a variety of ways.

It may be their church. It may be their community center. It may be their ethnic support organization. It may be as simple as their neighbors sitting around a kitchen table.

It is this promise of inclusion which will allow Innis for Congress to bridge any perceived gap between the Republican Party and the minority communities.



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Fundraising

**GOAL
FOR INNIS
FOR CONGRESS:
\$2,000,000.00**

FUNDRAISING TARGET GROUPS:

SOUTHERN NEVADA/LARGE DONORS

Start with the traditional Republican contributors who are recognized as leaders in support of candidates, especially on a national level. Not only would their large donation be critical as seed money, but the message sent to potential contributor would be a tremendous boost for Innis' credibility as a congressional candidate.

NATIONAL SUPPORTING NETWORKS

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN DONORS

NIGER INNIS PERSONAL CIRCLES

KEY LOCAL GROUP CONTRIBUTORS

Organizations, businesses, special interests, political

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

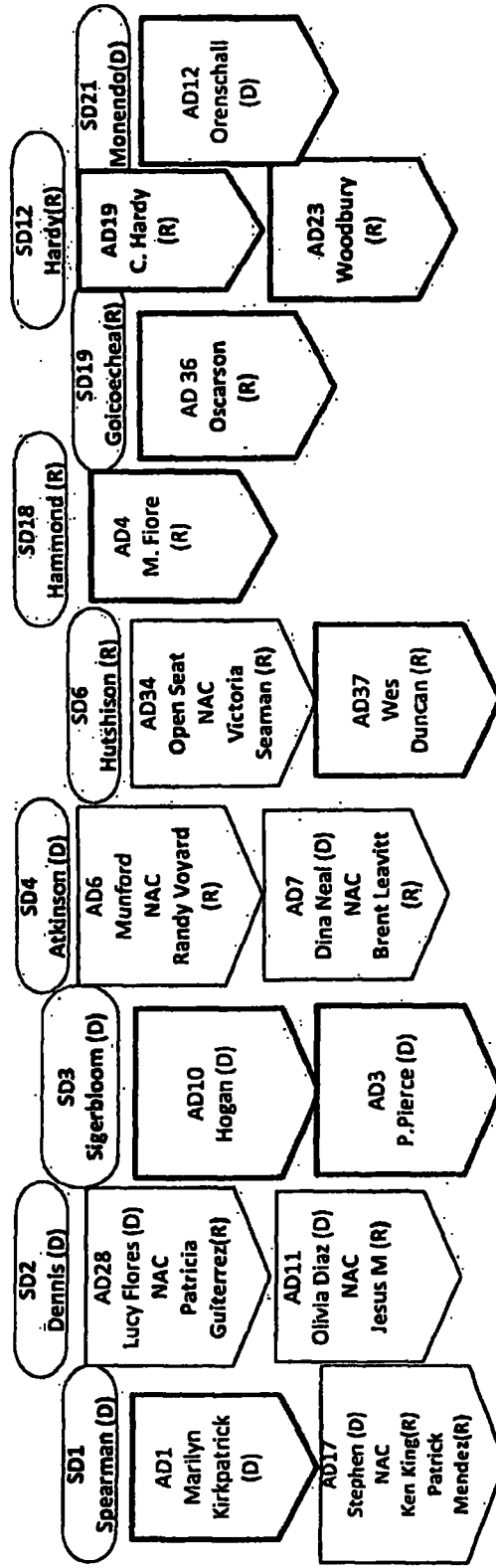
Traditional contributors, the usual

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CD-4 Waterfall Strategy 2014

CD-4
NAC
Niger Innis (R)



By recruiting and managing races that are nestled under CD-4, we gain awareness and momentum deep within the various voter districts. If we can deliver a common message and gain voter ID by Assembly districts, this will result in more support for the top of the waterfall, CD4.

NAC = New America Candidate

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If you support Niger Innis as he explores a possible campaign for Congress, sign this petition and let him know. It is time to make Congress functional and effective again. If Niger ran for Congress, he'll work to make that happen with a common sense, conservative approach to doing what is best for you, your family and our country.

Your backing of Niger Innis by signing this petition or making a contribution will help him make the decision to run and begin the journey to add a strong conservative voice to get Congress back on the right track.

SIGN THE PETITION

First Name

Last Name

Email

Zip Code

CONTRIBUTE TO NIGER
[click here](#)



ABOUT THE NIGER INNIS FOR CONGRESS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

The committee was established to explore the possibility if the time is right for Niger Innis, with his conservative leadership and values, to run for Congress in Nevada District 4.

Federal law allows donations up to \$2,600 per individual for each of the primary and general elections and \$5,000 per PAC for each of the primary and general elections. Contributions to the Niger Innis for Congress Exploratory Committee are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

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Niger Innis for Congress Exploratory Committee

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- I affirm that I am making this contribution via my personal credit or debit card for which I have a legal obligation to pay, and not through a corporate or business entity card or the card of another person.
- My contribution is made from personal funds, and not from the general treasury funds of a corporation, organization or national bank.
- I have not received any funds from another person or entity for the purposes of making this contribution.
- I am a United States citizen, or a Green Card Holder who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence and this contribution will not be reimbursed by another person.

Contribution limit: \$2,600 for the primary election and another \$2,600 for the general election, for a total of \$5,200 per person. A couple may contribute up to \$5,200 for the primary and up to \$5,200 for the general election on a joint bank account check. Contributions by federal contractors, national banks, corporations, and foreign nationals who are not 'green card' holders are prohibited.

☐ I agree to the terms above

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Victor and Antoinette Chaltiel

Along With Host Committee

Dr. Miriam & Sheldon G. Adelson

Alfonso Aguilar | Dan Backer, Esq. | Leo Bletnitsky

Jeb Bush, Jr. | Rabbi Eli Gold | Roy Innis | Dr. Larry Kawa

Michael A. & Andrea E. Leven | Tony Lo Bianco

Dr. Herb London | Paul Lowden

Wayne Allyn Root | Amy Tarkanian

And Special Guest

Herman Cain

Invite you to join us for a private reception to support

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THE NIGER INNIS CONGRESSIONAL EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

VIP - 5:30 to 6:30 PM Reception - 6:15 to 8:00 PM

908 Trophy Hills Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89134

Host Committee \$2,600/Individual \$5,200/Couple

VIP \$1,000 Guest \$500

RSVP

Julie Hereford at (702) 461-4188, or jeh@alltec-us.com

Please make your check payable to:

Niger Innis Action Fund

6016 Old Vines Street

North Las Vegas, NV 89081

Contribute online at

www.nigerinnisforcongressexploratorycommittee.com

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Tea Party leader Niger Innis weighs Horsford challenge



Niger Innis, a Tea Party leader and conservative African-American, could be in line for campaign support to mount a challenge to Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev. GOP money man Sheldon Adelson on Tuesday helped raise

By LAURA MYERS
LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

GOP money man Sheldon Adelson on Tuesday helped raise campaign cash for a potential challenger to Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev., the freshman congressman representing Nevada's newest district, which includes northern Clark County.

Niger Innis, who is exploring the congressional run, is a Tea Party leader and conservative African-American. He said he believes in immigration reform and in attracting more diverse people to the Republican Party. He calls himself a hybrid breed of politician who can appeal to minorities across party lines and reach non-partisan voters who decide close races.

Members of the Republican Party have started to realize they must attract more young voters and minorities to survive and win elections as national demographics change, Innis said. But he contends the GOP hasn't done enough to attract voters beyond its reliable older, white race base, mostly in rural parts of the country and Nevada.

The Republican Party has to be more effective in reaching out to a more diverse population," Innis said in an interview. "They are talking the talk. They're even thinking the talk. And that's good. That's progress. But they have to walk the walk."

Innis, 45, sees himself as a bridge to minority voters in Nevada's Congressional District 4, which is 54 percent non-white. Latinos make up about 27 percent of its population, African-Americans 16 percent, and Asians 8 percent. The district covers most of northern Clark County, parts of Douglas and Lyon counties, and all of Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye and White Pine counties.

Innis, the national spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality, which his father heads, works to help minorities assimilate in U.S. society, including by learning English.

As the national outreach director of TheTeaParty.net, Innis has met with members of Congress to promote an eight-point immigration plan that includes tighter border security, assimilation and other measures to allow immigrants to become U.S. citizens. The Tea Party group doesn't support the current Senate "gang of eight" proposals, however.

More than 125,000 Tea Party members have signed on to the group's immigration principles so far..

Innis said Republicans should embrace immigrants, who built the United States.

"You have some members within the Democratic Party that demagogue the issue of immigration and use it as a political weapon," Innis said. "I'm going to confront that."

A native of New York, Innis has lived in Nevada since the end of 2007. He has been very active in politics, including in 2012. He supported Herman Cain's presidential bid until the conservative Republican dropped out of the race. Then Innis backed the eventual GOP nominee, Mitt Romney, who lost badly to President Barack Obama, in Nevada.

Innis' ability to raise money will determine whether he officially runs for Congress, he said. Also, he wants to avoid a primary. Assemblyman Crescent Hardy, R-Mesquite, also is considering a bid for Horsford's seat.

Tuesday night's fundraiser at Victor Chaltiel's Las Vegas home asked for contributions of \$500, \$1,000 or the maximum federal limit of \$2,600 for members of the host committee. Chaltiel, a Republican, lost the race for Las Vegas mayor in 2011.

Adelson and his wife, Miriam, are both members of the host committee. During the 2012 elections, the Sands Corp. chief and his wife donated more than \$100 million to GOP candidates and causes, more than any other individuals. Other host committee members include Jeb Bush, Jr., Paul Lowden whose wife, Sue Lowden, is running for lieutenant governor, and Amy Tarkanian, whose husband, Danny Tarkanian, lost the congressional race to Horsford in 2012.

Herman Cain also was scheduled as a special guest at the fundraiser, which is expected to attract more than 200 people and raise at least \$50,000, according to Innis.

Innis said he needs to raise \$2 million to be competitive against Horsford, who had \$117,682 on hand at the end of September after raising \$477,233 for his campaign so far this year, according to the Federal Election Commission.

As the incumbent, Horsford, 40, the first African-American from Nevada to serve in Congress, has the advantage in the race. He also can count on more voters to tap with Democrats outnumbering Republicans in the district, 144,424 to 101,440, according to the Secretary of State website. Another 53,563 registered voters are non-partisan. Most live around urban Las Vegas.

David Damore, a political science professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said Horsford will be hard to beat even though there's no high-profile presidential or U.S. Senate race to lift him. The congressman has been spending a lot of time in rural parts of his district, where he's less widely known, to build support, Damore note.

"They're not taking that (the rurals) for granted," Damore said of Horsford's campaign. "He's been doing everything he should be doing as an incumbent."

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As a civil rights leader for more then two decades, Niger Innis, a Tea Party leader and conservative African-American is a hybrid breed of activist who can appeal to minorities across party lines and reach non-partisan voters who decide close races.

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I like you. To beat Mr. Horsford you will need to have something very clear to differentiate you I suggest that you advocate the elimination of separate federal pensions and retirement medical and shift all federal employees to social security and medicare retirements. If its good enough for everyone else it should be good enough for federal employees. Radical, but obviously cheaper with medicare and social security. You could eventually then extend this to any government or

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